

Episode 311 - Is Pain The Only Reason We Should Be Concerned About Any Aspect Of Death And Dying?

Post by "Cassius" of December 6, 2025 at 1:31 PM

Welcome to Episode 311 of Lucretius Today. This is a podcast dedicated to the poet Lucretius, who wrote "On The Nature of Things," the most complete presentation of Epicurean philosophy left to us from the ancient world. Each week we walk you through the Epicurean texts, and we discuss how Epicurean philosophy can apply to you today. If you find the Epicurean worldview attractive, we invite you to join us in the study of Epicurus at EpicureanFriends.com, where we discuss this and all of our podcast episodes.

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Next week we will be back with more Tusculan Disputations, but this week we'll set the stage for more discussion of this very good article.

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Post by "Cassius" of December 16, 2025 at 1:39 PM

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Post by "Cassius" of December 22, 2025 at 7:17 PM

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From this podcast a discussion has developed as to several important aspects of happiness. To make that easier to find in the future I have split off that part of the thread into the Ethics forum where it will reside here:

Thread

[What Is Happiness? How Does Our Conception of It Derive From Eudaemonia and Felicitas? Should Happiness Be The Goal of Life?](#)

ADMIN NOTE: This conversation was split off from a thread devoted to discussion of Lucretius Today Podcast Episode 311. The title of the thread was added to indicate the content of the thread and was not originally associated with this first post.

I have to say that the word "happy" does not make me happy in these contexts. The connotations of "happy" in English - effervescent, transitory, fleeting - really don't convey what Epicurus wrote. I also know @Cassius doesn't like using Greek...



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